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USUN FOR AMB BENNETT AND DIMMERMAN

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SUBJECT : MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS: TINIAN  
REF: A. STATUS LNO 73C  
B. STATUS LNO 54 C

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2. AS STATED LAST PARA REF A REPORTING MY RECENT VISIT TO TINIAN, I FOUND NO HINT THERE OF EXISTENCE OF ANY SUSPICION THAT WE MIGHT HAVE IN MIND ANYTHING OTHER THAN A SHARING OF THE ISLAND WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO LOOK FORWARD ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO COMING OF MILITARY AND TO PARTICIPATING IN PRESUMED BENEFITS OF MILITARY PRESENCE IN FORM OF UTILITIES, MARKETS, ETC. ACCORDING TO MAYOR, THEY ARE

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EVEN PREPARED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PART OF THE ISLAND IN ORDER TO LEAVE PORT AREA FOR MILITARY USE.

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JAS REPORTED

REF B, THEIR STRONG DESIRE, AND WHAT LOOKS MOST ATTRACTIVE TO THEM, IS THE SHARING OF THE BENEFITS, AS NOTED ABOVE, OF THE MILITARY PRESENCE. THE COMMISSION'S ATTORNEY JIM WHITE HAS MADE THIS VERY EXPLICIT TO ME

PAGE THREE RUHNSAA3438 C O N F I D E N T I A L / N 0 8 5 7 // (REF B) THE COMMISSION DOES NOT FORESEE OR DESIRE A MILITARY FACILITY COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS A FRIENDLY FEELING ABOUT ALL THIS WHICH CREATES A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

BLAS

EVEN IF THEY SHOULD DECIDE TO CARRY ON, HOPING TO LOWER OUR DEMANDS THROUGH NEGOTIATION, THE SITUATION WOULD, I BELIEVE, BE SOURED.

5. THE OTHER DISTRICTS, WHICH WILL HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF LOOKING OVER THE MARIANAS' SHOULDERS AT THE TALKS, WILL HAVE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE, AND MAY WELL DECIDE TO DO SOME RECONSIDERING OF THEIR BASIC INTENTIONS FOR FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AT THIS MOMENT THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT IS CLEARLY TEETERING ON THE BRINK OF REQUESTING SEPARATE TALKS WITH US, AND OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF PALAUAN POLITICS COMES A HINT OF SEPARATISM IN A BILL TO DRAW UP A CONSTITUTION FOR THE

"FUTURE STATE OF PALAUX" (STATUS LNO 84 C). TRUK IS WITNESSING A HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE BETWEEN ADVOCATES OF INDEPENDENCE AND CLOSE OR FREE ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. (STATUS LNO 81).

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6. AS I SEE IT, THESE FACTORS IN THE MICRONESIAN STATUS PICTURE POINT TO THE CERTAINTY THAT OUR ROUND WITH THE MARIANAS WILL BE CLOSELY OBSERVED BY OTHER DISTRICTS, AND THAT PARTICULAR FOCUS WILL BE

LAND ASPECT AND THE U.S. MILITARY NEEDS. THE WAY IN WHICH WE HANDLE THIS ASPECT AND THE NATURE AND EXTEND OF OUR PROPOSALS WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS EITHER TO HELP OR HURT US IN OUR RELATIONS AND INTERESTS IN OTHER DISTRICTS, ESPECIALLY PALAU.

7. I DO NOT PRESUME TO JUDGE OUR ESSENTIAL MILITARY NEEDS, BUT I DO RAISE A WARNING FROM WHERE I SIT AS TO THE LIKELY HIGH PRICE WHICH A DEMAND FOR ALL OF TINIAN WILL COST US. TRENT  
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